

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1141

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to commend Richard Alexander Lewis for exemplary service as a legislative intern for the Senate Transportation Committee.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Richard Alexander Lewis is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for the Senate Transportation Committee and Chairman Jim Tracy; Alex's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for Senator Tracy and his staff and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Blackman High School, Alex was selected to attend the Tennessee Governor's School; and

WHEREAS, he is presently a student at Middle Tennessee State University, where he is highly regarded by his peers and professors; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding young man is a valuable member of the MTSU moot court team, which qualified for national competition, and he has also served with distinction as President and Vice President of Raider Republicans and as a Student Government Senator for two terms; and

WHEREAS, possessing a deep and abiding faith, Alex is the Acting President of Alpha Omega Student Ministry; he has also participated in mission trips to Mexico, New Jersey, and New York and leads a weekly focus group at his church; and

WHEREAS, he is well liked by his peers and always wears a smile on his face, but his humble demeanor belies the supreme self-confidence that burns within him; Alex always thinks

that he is right and makes everyone in Senator Tracy's office work hard to demonstrate that he is not; and

WHEREAS, his self-confidence has proven to be well founded, however; Alex handles committee days calmly and efficiently, even when the research analyst is yelling and throwing things, and he even pinch hit for the research analyst on one occasion and flawlessly ran the Senate Transportation Committee meeting by himself; and

WHEREAS, just to prove his loyalty to Senator Tracy and his staff, Alex selflessly offered to spend his entire summer running the research analyst's campaign for the House of Representatives, a commitment that lasted until he realized that it was April Fool's Day; and

WHEREAS, wise beyond his years in human relations, Alex quickly learned that Senator Tracy's assistant could be bought off with a simple piece of chocolate; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Alex brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2010 session of the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2010 legislative session, he has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Alex Lewis has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Richard Alexander Lewis for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Chairman Jim Tracy and the Senate Transportation Committee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.